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Royce Brier 4/1163 Another Lulu For the CIA?

MONDAY an amazing South Vietnam news story appeared in the New York Times. That it has not been denied, categorically and publicly, in Washington, makes it appear substantially true.

James Reston did wring denials from unnamed "officials" in Washington, but said the denials were "private" and not "public."

The story, datelined Manila, s this: Central Intelligence Agency is now and has for some ime been paying \$250,000 monthly for "salary and upkeep" of Colonel Le Quang Tung's "Special Forces." These are Americantrained troops which participated in the Buddhist pagoda raids August 21.



If this story is true, the troops were in the direct pay of the American taxpayer when they made the raids, which were an insensate, smashing piece of vandalism and religious persecution.

THE MANILA STORY says the raids not only dismayed the general military and civilian American community in Saigon but gave pause to the CIA operatives. As funds have been paid the first of the month, the story says, CIA called a meeting August 26, at which operatives were against a September 1 payment. But the following day they were assembled and told: "Gentlemen, it's business as usual."

The story said: "One source said the decision to continue aid (to Tung) was basically made in Washington."

On August 26 some CIA operatives were reported to have objected the Special Forces were trained to fight Viet Cong communist guerrillas, not as a secret militia to suppress Vietnamese at the behest of Ngo Dinh Nhu, strongarm brother of Presdent Diem. Tung is reported to be a puppet of 1/10 open 1/10 open

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THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY has been confused been over the internal blowup. So was Washington, which tried to absolve the army for the raids and was kicked in the teeth for its pains. This confusion upparently extended to the CIA; the Manila story ays the raids came as a "surprise" to the CIA chief (unnamed) in Saigon. Involvement of Tung's militia in the raids was mostly dug out by newspapermen overing Saigon.

Clearly, Washington won't voluntarily admit anything. Reston writes of the Administration "privately annoyed but publicly silent" about the CIA story. He noted a growing pressure on Congress to cut off all aid to the Diem-Nhu mob, which is collecting at the rate of \$500 million this year.

Funds of the CIA spy outfit are secret—even Congress can't discover how they are disbursed. Perhaps as amazing as the CIA story is that the American people will stand for such shabby international action. Incidentally, the Diem-Nhu soldier mobraided high schools this week and arrested 800 or more kids.

September 11, 1963

STANTON DELAPLANE

Postcard

From Frederikstad

AUDIN KANDAN KANDAN

Island in the Sun

ST. CROIX is the largest of the American Virgin Isla and the only one that still raises sugar cane. St. Thomas and St. John have found it more profita raise tourist prices.

"That's sugar cane," said my taxi driver. "You do SEE sugar cane on those other islands."



My driver is a lady. Sl is a schoolteacher in th winter. In the summer sh drives tourist taxi. She sai all tourists are interested i sugar cane and she wa proud that St. Croix still raises it.

'HE SCHOOL teacherdriver meets all the planes. St. Croix has some flat land and therefore is able to land two Pan American jets a week-direct flights from New York.

"Can't land those jets on St. Thomas," she said. "If he try to land on St. Thomas, he run right into those hillssmash! Only little planes like Caribair land at St. Thomas. No planes AT all land on St. John.

"You know what tourists like to see?"

"What do they like to see?" I asked.

"First thing we drive from the airport, the man say What all that green grass is?' You say to him, 'That suga CANE.' He say, 'Is THAT so? I never see sugar cane before That SUGAR cane,' he say to his wife.

Then his wife say, 'Where is good place to sho "She don't CARE about sugar cane. Only want to to free-port shop."

TO MEET these shopping-sugary tourists, a number people are opening hotels all over these green islar. I gather that hotel business is not as easy as it looks

Mr. Hilton, who does know hotel business, has tak over a couple of plush operations that simply weren't ma ing it. The Arawak at Ochos Pios In Jamaica now flies Co rad Hilton's flag. And the Dorado at Puerto Rico is now t Dorado Hilton.

* SAID THE schoolteacher-taxi driver: "Sometime yo get the tourist man he say to me, 'What that wasp do ing in the car?' Plenty wasp right now.

"So I say to him, 'That we call a Jack Spaniard.' That is what we CALL wasp in these islands. You hear that

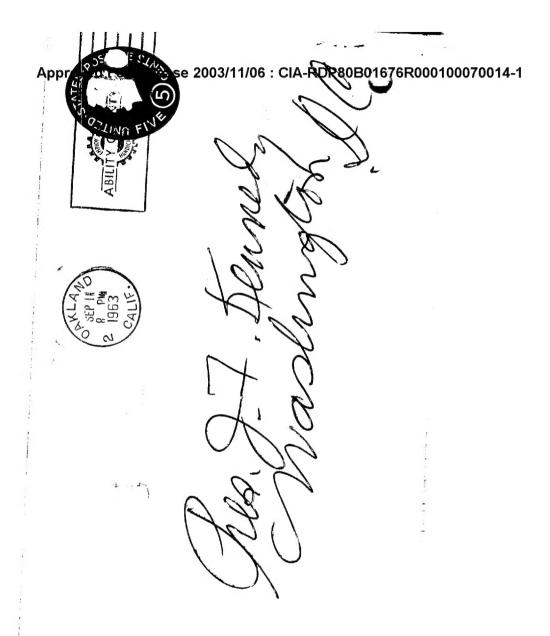
"I never heard it before," I said.

"Now you hear about it, you can tell people at your HOTEL," she said. "They think you smart. They think you come from islands only you wrong color. Must be black like me then they know for SURE you island person.

"This town Frederiksted is where they free all slave Those Danes THEY make slaves free. If they don't do t1 I be slave today, maybe. They make everybody free

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